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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We need you to protect broadband competition! The big telecom companies have not done a good job of providing reliable Internet service in places where the population is sparse - too many rural areas fall off their radar screen, because the market is just too small to be worth the effort for them.

I'm a residential customer of a small, competitive broadband provider. They provide far and away better service and more up-to-date equipment than the local big company, at much lower prices. When AT&T was the only game in town, they coasted and did not provide the best possible service. That's why we switched! We now have competitive phone service, too.

It has made a huge difference here, in speed and reliability, and in lower prices. Especially in these times of disastrous floods and wildfires, it is absolutely critical that people have access to the best service to connect us to our sources of live-saving information!

Please protect competitive broadband!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Reuter